
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6671

AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires each state department, board, authority, commission, office, institution, council, or other state agency to inform and communicate with its clients in a culturally competent way that recognizes the clients' diversity.

The bill also requires the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee (PRI) to study the feasibility of creating a centralized state permitting office to issue all business permits. PRI must submit its findings and recommendations to the Commerce and Government Administration and Elections committees by January 1, 2014.

Additionally, the bill requires (1) the governor to proclaim the following months and day of each year to honor Americans of different ancestry and (2) suitable exercises to be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the governor designates:

1. March as Irish-American Month,
2. October as Italian-American Month,
3. November as Native American Month, and
4. June 24 as French Canadian-American Day.

It also establishes (1) the polka as the state dance; (2) the ballroom polka as the state polka; and (3) Beautiful Connecticut Waltz, composed by Joseph Leggo, as the second state song.

Lastly, the bill allows the economic and community development commissioner to designate a day, week, or month for celebrating

ethnic, cultural, or heritage groups upon the application of such groups. In practice, such days, weeks, or months are proclaimed by the governor in his role as the chief executive.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, except that the communication requirement is effective October 1, 2013.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 14 Nay 0 (04/05/2013)